

Wisconsin Department of Natural Resources Monitoring the Implementation of Property Master Plans

Property or Properties: Governor Thompson State Park

Year Master Plan was Approved: 2004

Property-wide

MASTER PLAN OBJECTIVES Real Estate Mtg.	Recent Park Land Acquisitions / Transactions <ul style="list-style-type: none"> Acquire acreage within the expanded project boundary totaling 1720 acres.
Accomplishments 2013	<i>No action.</i>

Property-wide

MASTER PLAN OBJECTIVES Interpretation and Education Programs	Recommended interpretive themes should include the social and ecological significance of the historical fires, the unique geological, topographic, and ecological features in and near the park, and the history and importance of the Peshtigo River dams to the park and region.
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Accomplishments 2013	<i>No Action.</i>
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Camping Zone

MASTER PLAN OBJECTIVES Recreation Mtg.	<ul style="list-style-type: none"> • Provide up to 110 individual camping sites for both rustic and modern styles of family camping, and separate rustic-style indoor and outdoor camping experiences for organized camping groups. • Provide an active play area for children in a natural-appearing, safe setting in proximity to the family campground. • Provide a venue for interpretive programs along with regional entertainment acts for campers and other park visitors.
Accomplishments 2013	<i>50 additional campsites opened in 2013.</i> <i>No action on the playground</i>

Camping Zone

MASTER PLAN OBJECTIVES Vegetative Mtg.	<ul style="list-style-type: none"> • Provide an attractive, safe, and generally natural-appearing vegetative environment for developed camping and day use activities.
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Accomplishments 2013	<i>Goal is on-going. Turf is maintained in high traffic areas and native/natural plantings are used for enhancement and to control visitor activities.</i>
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Woods Lake Day Use Zone

MASTER PLAN OBJECTIVES Recreation Mtg.	<ul style="list-style-type: none"> • Within the Woods Lake Day Use Area, provide picnicking, general relaxation, nonmotorized water access for fishing, sightseeing and nature study and similar day-use recreational opportunities for all park visitors. • Maintain and enhance a generally natural-appearing shoreline, particularly the horizon line view of the day use area as seen from the lake. • Manage the fishery of Woods Lake for largemouth bass, northern pike, and panfish. Monitor fish populations to determine if any regulations are warranted.
Accomplishments 2013	<i>Woods Lake Day Use Area is completed. The shoreline is maintained for a natural appearance, except for the swimming beach. No action on fish monitoring in 2013.</i>

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Accomplishments 2013	<i>No action in 2013.</i>
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Huber Lake Day Use Zone

MASTER PLAN OBJECTIVES Recreation Mtg.	<ul style="list-style-type: none"> • Provide opportunities for quiet, low-impact day-use recreational activities and solitude in a somewhat remote location with simple facilities. • Manage Huber Lake to provide a sustainable fishery. Investigate and monitor fish populations to determine if any special regulations are warranted.
Accomplishments 2013	<i>No action in 2013.</i>

Caldron Falls Reservoir Shoreland Zone

MASTER PLAN OBJECTIVES Recreation Mtg.	<ul style="list-style-type: none"> • Provide access to Caldron Falls Reservoir for motorized and non-motorized boating, shore fishing, and viewing of the reservoir. • Provide a primitive, remote camping experience to enjoy the scenic vistas and undeveloped shorelines of Caldron Falls Reservoir. • Provide for a quiet water experience for boaters and visitors on or near the reservoir's bays within the park, and protect the park shoreline from erosion from boat wakes.
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<p>Accomplishments 2013</p>	<p><i>Caldron Falls access was completed.</i></p>
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Caldron Falls Reservoir Shoreland Zone and Huber Lake/Woods Lake Scenic Zone

<p>MASTER PLAN OBJECTIVES</p> <p>Vegetative Mtg.</p>	<p>Maintain the forests within the Caldron Falls Reservoir Shoreland Zone and Huber Lake/Woods Lake Scenic Zone in a natural-appearing condition, and, in the long-term, establish a wide range of age classes and areas with older forest habitat conditions, including den trees and dead and down coarse woody debris.</p> <p>Natural process, including the natural succession of forest types to a climax forest, will be allowed to predominate within this area. Passive management will predominate here; active forest management, such as tree removal and brushing, will occur to develop and maintain roads, trails, swimming areas, and other public use facilities or to remove hazard trees near them and, where appropriate, in response to major catastrophic disturbances. Invasive exotic plants may be removed, and appropriate native trees or shrubs may be planted for landscaping and ecosystem enhancement purposes.</p>
<p>Accomplishments 2013</p>	<p><i>Invasive plant monitoring has occurred and active removal has been practiced.</i></p>

Active Recreation Zone

<p>MASTER PLAN OBJECTIVES</p>	<ul style="list-style-type: none"> • Provide for a variety of trail uses within the park, including biking, hiking, crosscountry skiing, and nature interpretation/education, and provide for a connector snowmobile route for the Ranch Road trail. • Provide a rustic-style indoor camping experience for organized camping groups. • Provide an opportunity to experience a vista or other scenic features such as the Caldron Falls
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Recreation Mtg.	Reservoir from an elevated vantage point.
Accomplishments 2013	<i>Trails are open for hiking and cross-country skiing. No action on indoor group campgrounds No action on vista trail.</i>

Active Recreation Zone

MASTER PLAN OBJECTIVES Vegetative Mtg.	<ul style="list-style-type: none"> Maintain the majority of the forest within this management zone in a natural-appearing condition, and in the long-term, establish a wide range of age classes and mature forest conditions.
Accomplishments 2013	<i>No action in 2013.</i>

Visitor Service Zone

MASTER PLAN OBJECTIVES Facilities Mtg.	<ul style="list-style-type: none"> Provide park and forest administrative headquarters services, public contact point, and information facility. Provide facilities to support the park interpretive program and serve park visitors participating in interpretive program activities.
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Accomplishments 2013	<i>Goal already accomplished.</i>

Visitor Service Zone

MASTER PLAN OBJECTIVES Vegetative Mtg.	<ul style="list-style-type: none"> • Provide an attractive public use setting using native trees and selective ornamental plantings. • Plant materials native to the region and to local site conditions will be emphasized. However, plantings close to buildings or structures will be allowed more flexibility in their origins, and specialized nursery varieties of plant material may be used for specific effects. • Mature aspen exists within this zone, and some harvesting will take place with the construction of the new entrance ways. These harvesting zones will be defined once detailed site plans have been developed for this zone.
Accomplishments 2013	<i>Aspen was harvested in 2013.</i>

Operations Service Zone

MASTER PLAN OBJECTIVES Facilities Mtg.	Provide facilities for maintenance and repair of equipment and storage of materials and equipment and office space for park and forest support staff.
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Accomplishments 2013	<i>Objective already accomplished.</i>

Operations Service Zone

MASTER PLAN OBJECTIVES Vegetative Mtg.	The vegetation within the operations services zone will be managed as a utilitarian landscape with native trees and minimal ornamental plantings. Native and specialized nursery varieties of plants may be used.
Accomplishments 2013	<i>Native plantings are used and maintained. Visitors frequently comment on our beautiful prairie.</i>

Native Community Management Zones

MASTER PLAN OBJECTIVES	<u>Barrens Management Area</u> <ul style="list-style-type: none"> Restore and maintain two sites as pine barrens communities, one of 20 acres and the other of 16 acres, to provide biological diversity to the park landscape and to provide educational opportunities for park visitors. <u>Wild Rice Management Area</u>
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Vegetative Mtg.	<ul style="list-style-type: none"> Protect and maintain wild rice beds (<i>Zizania palustris</i>) on the eastern shore area of Woods Lake.
Accomplishments 2013	<p><i>No action on the barrens</i> <i>Wild rice does not exist.</i></p>